



**South Carolina  
Department of  
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**Mark Sanford**  
Governor  
State of South Carolina

May 3, 2010

The Honorable Jim Rex  
State Superintendent of Education  
1429 Senate Street  
Rutledge Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Superintendent Rex:

In compliance with Joint Resolution H.3352 (Act 86), attached you will find the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice School District's report on Funding Flexibility and Spending Reductions for the third quarter of the 09 -10 school year. As you know, state law (63-19-380) designates the Department "as a special school district" and mandates that we "operate a continuous progress education program" throughout the year. In addition, because we are a Title I school district and also have approximately 45% of our student population identified for special education, a much larger percentage of our operating funds are restricted; therefore, our ability to move funds into other program areas or to cover other expenses is limited.

In Section I of the attached report for the first quarter of this school year, we requested funding transfers from eight (8) specified funds that did allow for funding flexibility. These funds were transferred to EFA and EIA accounts to cover payroll deficits. These transfers have proven to date to be sufficient. No transfers were necessary for the second quarter, and none are being requested for this quarter either.

As you are well aware, during the first and second quarters of FY 09/10, state appropriation reductions, similar to what our state experienced in FY 08/09, have continued to occur. Additionally, education revenue paid to the Department by local school districts has declined, along with a continuing decline in our student population, which has further reduced, or will further reduce, funding to our Department. Despite all these funding reductions, other than the resignation of three classroom teachers during the first quarter of this school year, 2 resignations during the second quarter, and the death of a teacher and 1 additional resignation during this third quarter, the Department has not had to make any additional staff reductions over and above what we were forced to make during the FY 08/09 school year. Despite not refilling most of these positions, given our reduced student population, our staffing patterns continue to meet

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or exceed our Defined Minimum Program requirements and we remain able to maintain our State Department of Education and Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) accreditations.

Finally, DJJ's school district, as has the Agency as a whole, continues to reduce our budget for travel, has eliminated all conferences paid for through state funds, and has eliminated all staff training unless mandated and paid for by a grant funding source. We also are continuing our efforts to significantly curtail our after school sports and other extracurricular programming.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call or email either one, or both of us, and we will gladly provide this additional information to you.

With kind personal regards,

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William R. Byars, Jr.  
Chairman, DJJ School Board

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Meda C. Cobb  
Superintendent, DJJ School District

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cc: Hon. Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
Hon. John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Hon. Daniel T. Cooper, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
Hon. Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee

**Funding Flexibility - Fiscal Year 2009-2010**  
**Joint Resolution H. 3352**

**Deadline April 30, 2010**

**All Transfers must be reported and completed by deadline**

**SCDE Receipt:**

**District Name:** SCDJJ

**Section I. (provide additional forms as necessary)**

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund \*)  
 (Identify any prior year carryover amounts)

Current Allocation

Transfer Amount (up to 100%)

Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)

No funding transfers are being requested			

\* The following appropriations are excluded from this flexibility (both as transfers into and out): Teacher Salary Supplement/Fringe, National Board Certification, Teacher Supply and Teacher of the Year  
 Districts should use judicious caution when transferring those funds received through a competitive grant process

**Section 2. (provide additional information as necessary)**

(1) Our district suspended staffing ratios in the following areas:

Suspensions of staffing ratios are not necessary during this quarter.

(2) Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts:

N/A. DJJ does not use contracts since all teachers are state employees.

(2)b The following number of contracts were not renewed

Two teacher positions/vacancies occurred during the 3rd quarter that are not being filled.

(3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries

None during this quarter.

(4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days

None during this quarter.

(4)b Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days

None during this quarter.

(5) Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2009-2010 school year.

Reduced part-time personnel who provide and supervise recreational sports, extra-curricular programs, and other therapeutic programs for DJJ students.

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: (please print)

Sylvia Murray

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